FARZEEN HOODA

Early Childhood Development | Academic Leadership | Curriculum & Quality

📍 Mumbai, India
📞 +91 9699347363
✉️ Farzeen.hooda@akesi.org
🔗 LinkedIn: farzeen-hooda-552984123



PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior Early Childhood Development leader with over 15 years of experience in ECD programme leadership, curriculum design, teacher capacity building, and quality assurance. Proven expertise in mentoring large educator teams, aligning curricula with HighScope / Shishu Pahel Padhati and NEP 2020, and driving continuous improvement across early learning systems. Strong collaborator with global and national stakeholders, committed to evidence-based, child-centred education.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Early Childhood Development (ECD) Academic Manager

Aga Khan Education Services, India (AKESI) – Mumbai
July 2025 – Present

- Lead and mentor the AKES, India ECD team, including **Coordinators, Teachers, and Aga Khan Preschools (AKP) regional office ECD teams**, to effectively implement the AKES-prescribed curriculum and pedagogical practices.
- Guide curriculum development, review, and continuous improvement aligned with the **Shishu Pahel Padhati / HighScope approach** and the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**.
- Drive **programme-wide quality assurance**, monitoring teaching–learning practices and strengthening overall impact across ECD settings.

Head of Department – Early Childhood Education

ITREB India – Mumbai
March 2021 – July 2025

- Provided strategic leadership for Early Childhood and Religious Education programmes, ensuring curriculum relevance and innovation.
- Collaborated with global ECD teams on **impact analysis and evidence-based interventions**.
- Designed and delivered large-scale **teacher professional development programmes**, resulting in improved pedagogical confidence and classroom practices.
- Strengthened partnerships with educational organisations to enhance resource sharing and programme reach.

Trainer – Teacher Training (Early Childhood Education)

Amarmirgh Education Services – Dubai / Mumbai
August 2020 – December 2020

- Facilitated interactive training workshops for in-service teachers, trainees, and early-career educators.
- Designed customised professional development modules addressing diverse classroom contexts.
- Contributed to improved teacher performance and learning outcomes through practice-based training.

Professor – Postgraduate Programme (Early Childhood Education)

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) – Mumbai
July 2019 – December 2020

- Designed and delivered postgraduate coursework in Early Childhood Development.
- Mentored students in research, programme design, and applied ECD practices.
- Integrated current research and inclusive education approaches into the curriculum.

Cambridge Primary Teacher (Grade 2)

Jankidevi Public School – Mumbai
June 2017 – June 2019

- Delivered Mathematics, Science, and English aligned with the Cambridge curriculum.
- Integrated technology and active learning strategies, contributing to measurable gains in student achievement.

Owner & Centre Head

EuroKids International Pre-School – Mumbai
June 2009 – June 2012

- Managed centre operations including **teacher recruitment, training, curriculum implementation, and parent engagement**.
- Achieved sustained enrolment growth and strengthened community presence.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Early Childhood Curriculum Design & Review
- Academic Leadership & Team Mentoring
- Teacher Training & Capacity Building
- Quality Assurance & Programme Monitoring
- HighScope / Play-based Pedagogies
- NEP 2020 Alignment
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Strategic Planning & Implementation

EDUCATION

Master of Education (M.Ed.) – Mumbai University
Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) – Mumbai University
Postgraduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education – Mumbai University

---

VOLUNTEER & GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE

- **ECD / PL Teacher & Teacher Trainer**, ITREB India – Mumbai
- **Regional / Local Board Member**, Aga Khan Education Board
- Contributed to long-term educator development and policy guidance within community education initiatives.

LANGUAGES

English | Hindi | Gujarati